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We do not want new nuclear  
weapons plants built. We do  
not want further global  
pollution from radioactive  
waste. Stop the work at Y-12  
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Comment noted. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new nuclear weapons plant or manufacture more nuclear weapons for the Nation's arsenal. In accordance with Section 91 of the *Atomic Energy Act*, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress. This consent and direction are contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

Environmental remediation activities at Y-12 and on the ORR are described in Section 2.2.2.2 of the Y-12 SWEIS. To date DOE has completed numerous clean-up activities and is aggressively working toward the cleanup of its remaining environmental problems. Actions taken to continue Y-12 weapons support missions, and construction and operation of the new facilities for the HEU Materials and Special Materials missions would not be inconsistent with nor impact these ongoing clean-up activities.